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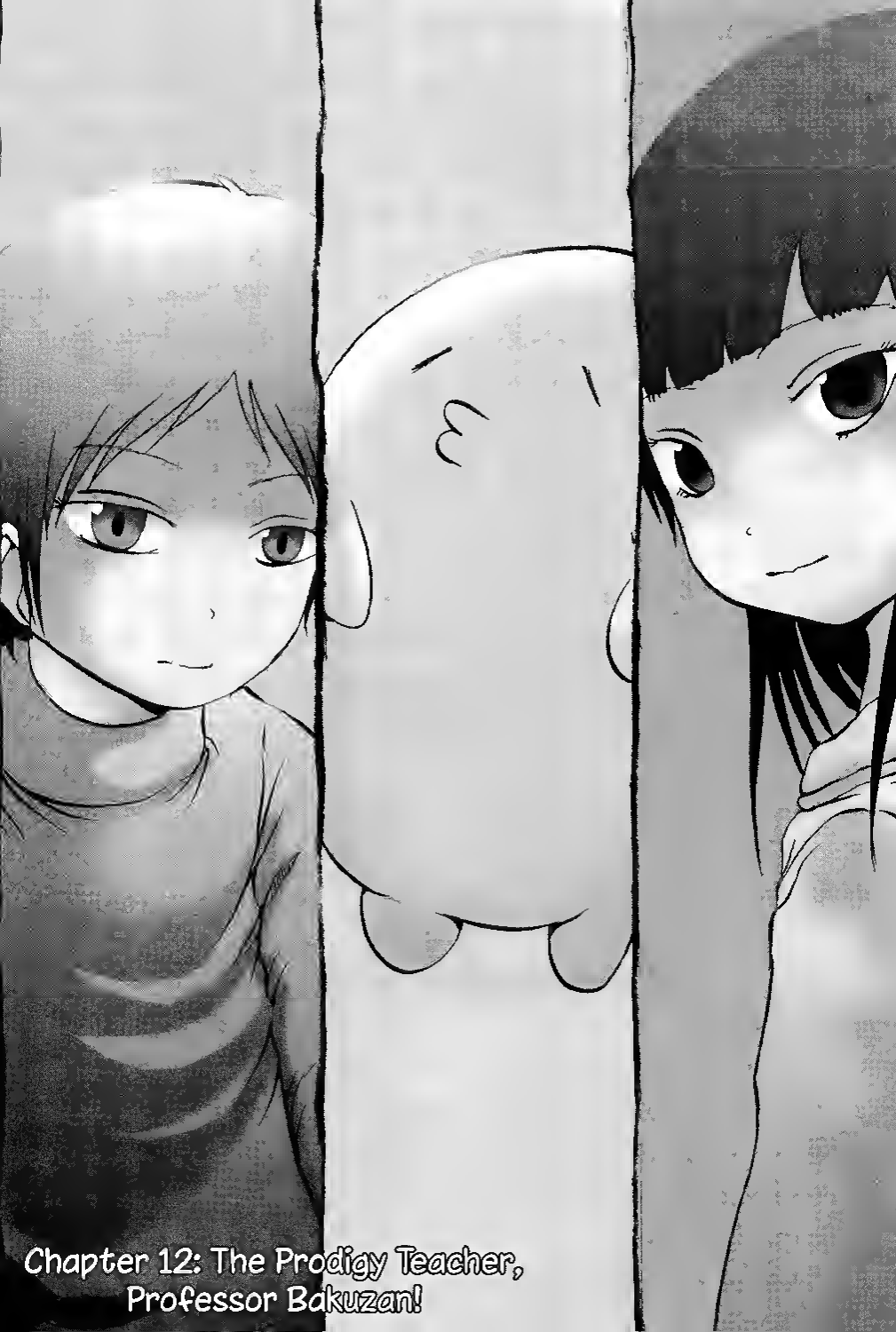
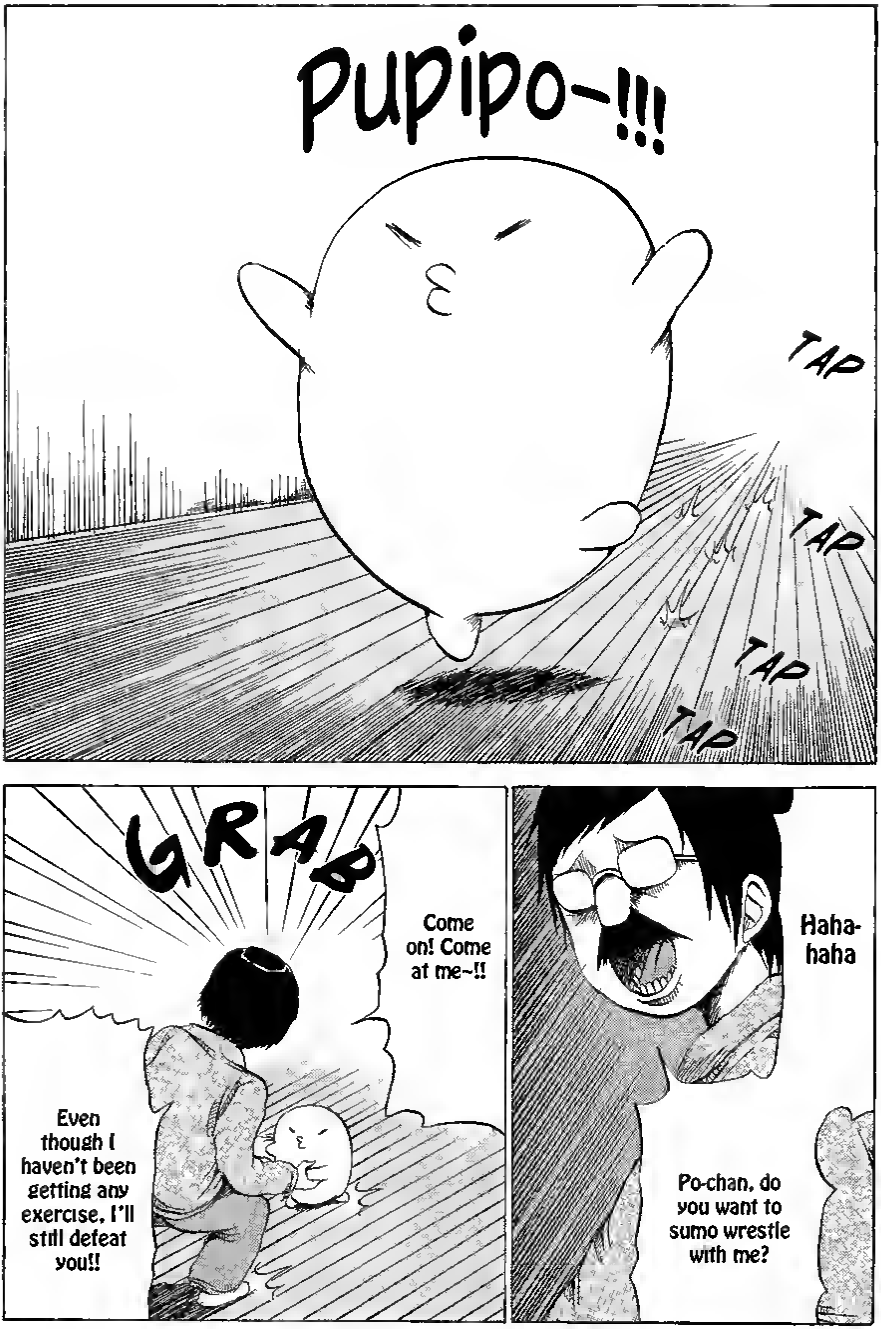

Chapter 12: The Prodigy Teacher,
Professor Bakuzan!


Pupipo-!!!
TAP
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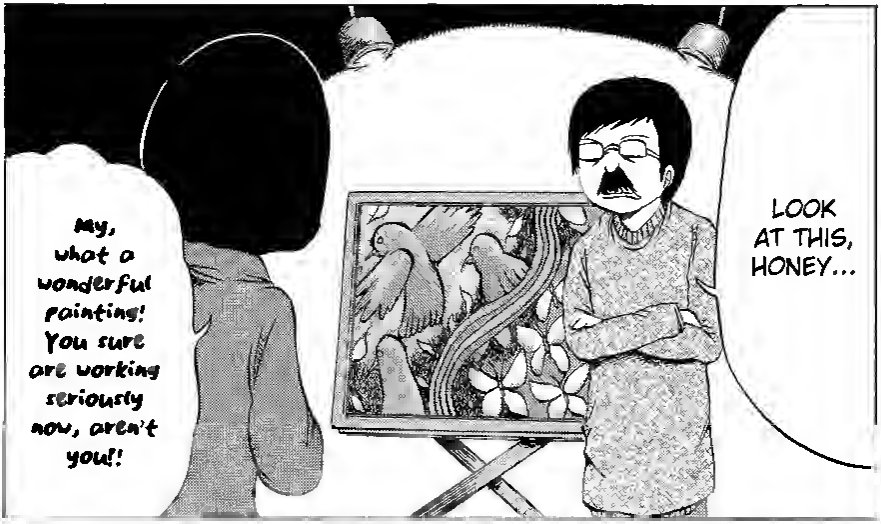
GRAB
Come on! Come at me~!!
Even though I haven't been getting any exercise, I'll still defeat you!!
Haha-haha
Po-chan, do you want to sumo wrestle with me?

OOOOOH YEAAHH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
IT'S A WEEKDAY! SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT WORK INSTEAD OF PLAYING SUMO WITH A PUFFY GHOST?
AND BESIDES, PO'S JUST A LITTLE GHOST, SO YOU SHOULD GO EASY ON HIM!!
YOU'RE JUST SOME UNSKILLFUL OLD PAINTER! YOU'RE THE TRASH OF HUMANITY!
Hahaha
I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR, BUT THE OTHER END IS JUST AS FUNNY.


LOOK AT THIS, HONEY...
My, what a wonderful painting! You sure are working seriously now, aren't you!

This is all I can think of during my art block, woman!
snort
WHY?!
So overconfident!!

MY PAINTINGS ARE SUCH A RARE KIND THAT YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON THEM THEY WON'T EVEN SELL THEM IN 99¢ STORES.
I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN VALUES...
I NEED TO BREAK THIS HORRIBLE SITUATION DOWN FOR MY TEACHER... I'LL CALL HIM HERE TODAY SO WE CAN DISCUSS IT.
DING-DONG-
HE'S HERE!!

SENSEI..! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!
HOW'VE YOU BEEN, HIMEJI-KUN? I'VE GROWN QUITE OLD.
WAHAHAHAH
YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO YOUR ART BLOCK AND UNDERSTAND IT. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY BAD CASE YOU HAVE.
DRAWING NATURAL THINGS WILL, NATURALLY, BE DULL AND UNINTERESTING
WAHAHAHA~
I DON'T GET IT
THAT'S AMAZ-ING!
ARE YOU GETTING ALL THIS?
THIS IS MY LATEST DRAWING, "YURE" AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS NOT A NATURAL THING IF THIS WERE A NATURAL THING, I WOULDN'T DRAW IT

YOUR USE OF ART IN YOUR WORKS IS SO INSPIRING.
YOU CAN SEE THINGS THAT NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T; YOU ARE TRULY AN INSPIRATION.
ME?!
I THINK YOU ALSO POSSESS ALL THE RIGHT CHARACTER TRAITS.
B...BUT I'M REALLY JUST A NORMAL GUY...
I BELIEVE THAT YOU POSSESS A SENSE THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE.
OKAY...
YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR FEELINGS FROM YOUR PAINTINGS.
EVENTUALLY, YOUR AMBITION WILL AWAKEN.
YOU AREN'T AWARE OF IT, BUT EVEN WITHOUT RELYING ON SKILL, YOU HAVE TALENT.

I MUST ASK AN UN-PLEASANT QUESTION...
BY THE WAY, HIMEJI-KUN...
WHO IS THAT BOY STAND-ING OVER THERE?

EHH?!
HE LOOKS A BIT LIKE YOU, ACTUALLY...
YES, HE'S A VERY CUTE LITTLE BOY.
SENSEI, WHAT YOU SEE THERE IS A HUMAN BOY?!
WHAT? WHY DID YOU ASK WHY I COULD SEE HIM?
M...ME?!

HMM... HOW DO I SAY IT...
WHAT AN EXISTENCE CONTENT WITH LOVE... IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
A BOY... REALLY...